

**Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2006—Conference Report:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 149. **Pages H2703–16**

Agreed to H. Res. 242, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of Rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Rules Committee, by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 146. **Pages H2653–59**

Agreed to H. Res. 248, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 147. **Pages H2693–H2702**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:33 a.m. and reconvened at 2:46 p.m. **Page H2659**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:47 p.m. and reconvened at 4:51 p.m. **Page H2692**

**Privileged Resolution:** Representative Conyers announced his intention to offer a privileged resolution raising a question of the privileges of the House. **Pages H2702–03**

**Suspension:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, April 27:

***Supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day:*** H. Res. 210, supporting the goals of World Intellectual Property Day and recognizing the importance of intellectual property in the United States and worldwide, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 315 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 150. **Pages H2717–18**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 2, and further that when the House adjourn on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H2720**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 4. **Page H2720**

**Senate District Work Period:** The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 29, providing for a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page H2720**

**Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel—Appointment:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Ms. Loretta

Goff of New York to the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel. **Page H2720**

**House Page Board—Appointment:** Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Representative Kildee to the House of Representatives Page Board. **Page H2720**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2718.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2659, H2701, H2702, H2717, and H2717–18. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies continue appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### RETIREE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations held a hearing on Challenges to Employer Efforts to Preserve Retiree Health Care Benefits. Testimony was heard from Leslie Silverman, Commissioner, EEOC; and public witnesses.

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC–CENTRAL AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA). Testimony was heard from Regina L. Vargo, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Americas; and public witnesses.

### COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled “Combating Trafficking in Persons: Status Report on Domestic and International Developments.” Testimony was heard from John Miller, Director, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**RE-EXAMINATION—FEDERAL AGENCIES' CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLANS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "Who's Watching the COOP? A Re-Examination of Federal Agencies' Continuity of Operations Plans." Testimony was heard from Reynold N. Hoover, Director, Office of National Security Coordination, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Marta Brito Perez, Associate Director, OPM; Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management, GAO; and public witnesses.

**NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled "The Role of Nuclear Power Generation in a Comprehensive National Energy Policy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**NORTH KOREAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a joint hearing on The North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004: Issues and Implementation. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Joseph E. DeTrani, Special Envoy for the Six-Party Talks; Arthur E. Dewey, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; and Gretchen A. Birkle, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and public witnesses.

**NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing on Previewing the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference. Testimony was heard from Stephen G. Rademaker, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Arms Control, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**U.N. OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on The Role of BNP-Paribas SA (Banque National de Paris) in the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**PATENT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property continued oversight hearings entitled "Committee Print Regarding Patent Quality Improvement," (Part 2). Testimony was heard from Jon W. Dudas, Under Sec-

retary, Intellectual Property and Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—USA PATRIOT ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Sections of the Act that Address Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) (Part 2)—Section 206: Roving Surveillance Authority Under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978; and Section 215: Access to Records and Other Items Under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Testimony was heard from James A. Baker, Counsel, Intelligence Policy, Department of Justice; Kenneth L. Wainstein, Interim U.S. Attorney, District of Columbia; Robert S. Khuzami, former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York; and a public witness.

**OVERSIGHT—USA PATRIOT ACT IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Section 218, Foreign Intelligence Information ("The Wall"). Testimony was heard from Patrick Fitzgerald, U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—AMERICA'S MINING INDUSTRY**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing entitled "Improving the Competitiveness of America's Mining Industry." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CONFERENCE REPORT—CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. Section 2 of the resolution establishes a separate order for the 109th Congress creating a point of order in the Committee of the Whole against a motion to rise and report a general appropriations bill if the bill,

as amended, is found in breach of its 302(b) allocation. Testimony was heard from Chairman Nussle.

### NASA EARTH SCIENCE

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on NASA Earth Science. Testimony was heard from Alphonso V. Diaz, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, NASA; and public witnesses.

### REDUCE UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN ON MANUFACTURERS

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on the Administration's Program To Reduce Unnecessary Regulatory Burden on Manufacturers—A Promise To Be Kept? Testimony was heard from John D. Graham, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, SBA; Stephanie Daigle, Acting Associate Administrator, Policy, Economics, and Innovation, EPA; Veronica Vargas Stidvent, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—NEW TECHNOLOGIES—RAIL SAFETY AND SECURITY

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on New Technologies for Rail Safety and Security. Testimony was heard from Jo Strang, Deputy Associate Administrator, Railroad Development, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Bob Chipkevich, Director, Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Investigation Department, National Transportation Safety Board; and public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIVITY UPDATE; BRIEFING ON GLOBAL UPDATES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Oversight Subcommittee Activity Update. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### MEDICAL LIABILITY REFORM

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine medical liability reform, after receiving testimony from Mark B. McClellan, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

### CONCURRENT BUDGET RESOLUTION

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H. Con. Res. 95, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010.

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense, the global war on terror, and tsunami relief, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D389)

S. 167, to provide for the protection of intellectual property rights. Signed on April 27, 2005. (Public Law 109–9)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 2 through May 7, 2005

#### Senate Chamber

Senate will be in recess.

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* May 4, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to Review the Federal Crop Insurance Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* May 3, full Committee, on the Architect of the Capitol, 1 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.